

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY JULY 12, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Southwest Area and light elsewhere with 149 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest, Northwest, Rocky Mountain and Southern California Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Southern California Area and one in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Isolated torching and short, uphill runs were observed in mixed conifer and Sonora Desert vegetation in Soldier and Bear Canyons. Crews are patrolling, mopping up and rehabilitating fireline.

ENCEBADO, Taos Northern Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. The Governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson, visited the incident yesterday. This fire is in timber and brush, one mile south of Taos Pueblo, NM. Moderate fire behavior was observed in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper. Crews are constructing handline on the east and northeast perimeters, holding on the north flank, and mopping up on the west and south divisions. Structure protection remains in place for 200 residences and ten commercial properties.

DRY LAKE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A transfer of command from Duncan's Fire Use Management Team to Rath's Fire Use Management Team occurred yesterday. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry Lake, Sycamore, Moonshine and Granny fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. A portion of the Dry fire escaped the Maximum Management Area and will be reported separately as the Turnbo fire. The Dry Lake complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Low to moderate fire behavior was observed in pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass.

MOLINA COMPLEX, Santa Fe National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Capulin and Molina fires, is eight miles east of Cundiyo, NM. The fire is being managed with a confinement strategy. Crews are holding the fire north of the Capulin drainage.

TURNBO, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This fire, which escaped the Maximum Management Area of the Dry Lake complex, is 37 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. Low to moderate fire activity was observed in mixed conifer. Personnel are installing hose lays to check the spread of the fire into Mogollon Creek.

GOAT II, Gila National Forest. This fire is seven miles southeast of Glenwood, NM. The fire is in pinyon pine, juniper, oak and grass. Personnel are cold trailing, mopping up and patrolling.

MAPLE, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is in grass, brush and ponderosa pine, 15 miles east of Clifton, AZ. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

MAVERICK, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is in grass, brush and juniper, ten miles northeast of Clifton, AZ. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	84,750	80	7/15	799	13	41	7	333	15M
ENCEBADO	NM	TAA	5,222	40	7/15	1,007	31	32	11	0	4M
DRY LAKE COMPLEX-WFU	NM	GNF	80,500	N/A	N/A	86	4	0	4	0	2.9M
MOLINA COMPLEX	NM	SNF	2,394	15	UNK	103	4	0	2	0	274K
TURNBO	NM	GNF	800	20	UNK	4	0	0	0	0	2K
GOAT II	NM	GNF	1,800	90	7/20	40	1	4	1	0	38K
MAPLE	AZ	ASF	1,300	0	UNK	26	2	1	0	0	75K
MAVERICK	AZ	ASF	1,100	40	7/18	30	1	1	0	0	50K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LINK, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Active fire behavior was observed in mixed conifer. Crews are constructing handline, improving containment lines and mopping up.

FAWN PEAK COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Fawn Peak, Sweetgrass and Farewell fires; the Fawn Peak and Sweetgrass fires have been contained. The Farewell fire is 13 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Extreme, plume dominated fire behavior with large upslope crown runs was observed in sub-alpine fir and heavy dead and down timber. Crews continue to construct indirect attack handline. Burn out operations are underway.

RATTLESNAKE CANYON, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in pine, sagebrush and bitterbrush, 20 miles southeast of Keller, WA. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Crews successfully completed burn out operations and are mopping up. Several residences and outbuildings are threatened; structure protection is in place.

OLD NACHES, Southeast Washington State. This fire is 18 miles southwest of Naches, WA. Forty residences are threatened. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LINK	OR	DEF	3,119	60	UNK	861	27	33	5	0	2.4M
FAWN PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	4,466	10	UNK	1,219	42	29	12	0	6.2M
RATTLESNAKE CANYON	WA	COA	10,600	70	7/13	561	13	32	4	11	2.1M
OLD NACHES	WA	SES	1,500	20	UNK	24	1	0	2	0	NR
POWELL CREEK	OR	71S	162	100	---	428	17	12	4	0	713K

71S = Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMPBELL, Park County, CO. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) has been ordered. This fire is in grass, ponderosa pine, fir and mountain mahogany, ten miles south of Guffey, CO. Moderate to active fire behavior was observed. Crews are constructing fireline, improving containment lines, conducting burn out operations and mopping up. Dozers are constructing fireline on the north flank to ensure maximum property conservation. Eight residences are threatened, structure protection is in place.

BRUSH MOUNTAIN, Mesa County, CO. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles north of Grand Junction, CO. Active fire behavior with short runs and isolated torching was observed in spruce, fir, pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline along ridge tops due to steep terrain; a burn out operation is underway. Structure protection is in place at a threatened residence.

BEAR CREEK, San Juan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. This Wildland Fire Use fire is five miles northeast of Vallecito, CO. The fire is being managed for resource benefit. Creeping and torching were observed in spruce and fir. Crews made good progress containing the south and southeast flanks. Reduction in acreage is due to better mapping.

DOTSERO CRATER, Grand Junction Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is one mile north of Dotsero, CO. Running, crowning and spotting were observed in pinyon pine, juniper, Douglas fir, sagebrush and grass. Personnel have anchored in at the heel of the fire and initiated direct attack fireline construction on the west flank in preparation for a burn out operation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMPBELL	CO	PBX	310	30	7/18	183	4	14	1	0	343K
BRUSH MOUNTAIN	CO	GJX	3,200	35	7/16	313	8	13	2	0	551K
BEAR CREEK-WFU	CO	SJF	1,450	N/A	N/A	135	4	0	2	0	NR
DOTSERO CRATER	CO	GJD	550	0	UNK	26	0	5	1	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FARMINGTON, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) will assume command today. This fire is two miles south of Farmington, UT. Moderate fire behavior was observed in oak brush and grass. Crews made good progress constructing fireline on the north and south flanks with support from aerial resources. Residents that were evacuated on July 10th were allowed to return to their homes. Structure protection remains in place for 100 residences and summer cabins in Farmington, Centerville, Bountiful and Fruit Heights.

SOUTH MARVINE, Fishlake National Forest. This fire is in spruce and Douglas fir with dead and down fuels, 15 miles north of Loa, UT. Isolated torching and spotting were observed. Crews successfully completed a burn out operation.

BULLDOG, Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This fire is in oak, mountain mahogany, juniper and pinyon pine, 17 miles north of Ticaboo, UT. Extreme fire behavior was observed as the fire moved north and southeast. Crews are constructing and improving containment lines. One commercial property and four outbuildings are threatened; structure protection is in place. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. This fire is in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, 25 miles west of Blanding, UT. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Occasional interior torching was observed in mixed conifer and brush. Personnel are improving fireline, mopping up and rehabilitating containment lines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FARMINGTON	UT	WCF	2,000	40	UNK	48	3	5	2	0	340K
SOUTH MARVINE	UT	FIF	264	65	7/13	157	5	1	3	0	325K
BULLDOG	UT	RID	5,211	10	7/20	317	11	6	2	0	230K
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	2,710	90	UNK	55	1	2	1	0	800K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
155	CA	KRN	400	100	---	119	2	7	2	0	NR
WOODLOT	CA	YNP	458	100	---	341	8	1	4	0	754K

KRN = Kern County Fire Department

YNP = Yosemite National Park

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: The upper ridge of high pressure will begin to break down over the Pacific Northwest as a disturbance moves across the area. However, the ridge will hold fast over the rest of the West. Showers are expected over the Great Lakes, New England, the Southeast and southern plains states. In Alaska, weak high pressure is expected over the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Dry and hot with poor relative humidity recovery.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 71 to 90 mountains, 88 to 102 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 80-100 higher elevations, 90 to 115 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 10 to 20% mountains, 6 to 13% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 2 to 15%	West at 5 to 15 mph with local upslope/upvalley winds at 5 to 10 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear except for areas of night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and in the coastal valleys.	Upper 60s to upper 70s near the coast. Inland, low 80s to low 90s higher elevations and low 90s to near 103 lower elevations.	4 to 14% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 8 to 18% west of the crest, except 35 to 50% along the coast.	Northwest to northeast at 4 to 8 mph with gusts to 15 mph in the morning, mainly northern Sacramento Valley. Otherwise Southeast to southwest at 4 to 8 mph with localized afternoon gusts of 12 to 17 mph.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Mostly sunny	West of the Divide: 90 to 105 East of the Divide: 85 to 95	West of the Divide: 10 to 15% East of the Divide: 10 to 20%	West of the Divide: local west at 8 to 15 mph with gusts in the afternoon East of the Divide: west to southwest at 5 to 15 mph
NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a thunderstorm mainly in extreme northeastern Oregon and extreme eastern Washington.	Upper 60s and 70s west of the Cascades except into the 80s in southwest Oregon. Eastside: 80s and 90s.	West of Cascades... mostly above 50% except locally to near 25% interior southwest Oregon. Eastside: teens to 25% except 5 to 10% in southeast Oregon.	Stronger west winds especially east of the Cascades; windiest areas 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated thunderstorms east of portion of RMA. Some dry lighting near the continental divide.	Highs in the mid to upper 80s, western slope high 90s (70s to mid 80s mountains).	8 to 18% western sections, 25 to 40% eastern sections and Black Hills.	West to northwest winds 10 to 18 mph southern-central Wyoming, and western Colorado, easterly flow of 5 to 15 mph over east sections. Light southerly flow western Nebraska and Black Hills.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 85 to 105 mountains. 90 to 110 valleys. 100 to 110 upper desert. 110 to 120 low desert.	5 to 15% deserts. 5 to 15% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys.	Southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph with local northwest to north at 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts over the Santa Ynez Range, over the Grapevine, and below the canyons and passes of Santa Barbara County overnight.



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EXTENDED ATTACK

After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transfer of command from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in fire conditions.

- Do you have a current fire weather forecast for the fire location?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Have you established a new organizational structure and communicated it to the other forces associated with the fire?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (either on the incident or soon to be on the incident) under expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire?
 - Direct or indirect
 - Anchor points
 - Escape routes
 - Head or flank attack
 - Priority areas
- Have you communicated this to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes established?
 - If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
- Will you contain the fire before the next operational period?
- Have you reported the status of the fire to dispatch?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0			1		1
	ACRES		12			0		12
Northwest	FIRES	3	0			3	7	13
	ACRES	1	1			12	1,045	1,059
Northern California	FIRES	2				13	3	18
	ACRES	2				3	0	5
Southern California	FIRES					15	1	16
	ACRES					43	2	45
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	0		1	4	8	17
	ACRES	3	59		0	1	25	88
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			5	2	9
	ACRES		398			4	15	417
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES	13	2				40	55
	ACRES	32	34				24	90
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		7			4	4	15
	ACRES		501			131	63	695
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1				3		4
	ACRES	5				1		6
TOTAL	FIRES	23	11	0	1	48	66	149
	ACRES	43	1,005	0	0	195	1,174	2,417

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	16	10	327	8	376
	ACRES	20	1,667	115,821	3,554	204,108	1	325,171
Northwest	FIRES	106	65	6	16	517	293	1,003
	ACRES	13,557	718	2	12	3,229	23,515	41,033
Northern California	FIRES	77	8	1	5	928	190	1,209
	ACRES	41	0	1	6,510	11,198	682	18,432
Southern California	FIRES	45	41	8	9	1,139	243	1,485
	ACRES	802	1,917	356	264	11,164	1,193	15,696
Northern Rockies	FIRES	621	19	20	3	303	208	1,174
	ACRES	4,687	142	2,371	493	16,567	1,618	25,878
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	18	219	1	5	218	215	676
	ACRES	15,450	39,259	100	0	9,202	5,119	69,130
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	152	1	6	27	34	223
	ACRES	0	2,235	0	5	508	627	3,375
Southwest	FIRES	440	102	14	9	590	777	1,932
	ACRES	6,016	3,508	1,298	3,391	12,223	131,593	158,029
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	55	287	35	17	473	168	1,035
	ACRES	387	716	1,961	202	9,157	829	13,252
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	17	8,303	413	9,704
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	107,988	5,514	173,263
Southern Area	FIRES	110		16	11	10,548	316	11,001
	ACRES	20,855		3,720	756	153,716	8,780	187,827
TOTAL	FIRES	2,381	907	184	108	23,373	2,865	29,818
	ACRES	114,001	50,162	132,520	15,872	539,060	179,471	1,031,086

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Ten Year Average Fires	46,237
Ten Year Average Acres	1,750,467

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1	1		2	4
	ACRES			580	500		3,549	4,629
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	580	500	0	3,549	4,629

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	91	146	3		217	485
	ACRES	5,351	10,906	4,675	123		28,180	49,235
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	102	16		127	258
	ACRES	31	273	16,201	2,193		9,712	28,410
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	2,966		13,641	17,255
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	315	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	15,030	31,039
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	32	19	4	3	226	297
	ACRES	3,333	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,044
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	84	9	10	74	217
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,654	9,542	132	5,883	31,265
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	445	194	988
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,493	26,708	173,650
Southern Area	FIRES	53		262	67	13,166	1,154	14,702
	ACRES	19,379		93,329	83,090	765,324	895,437	1,856,559
TOTAL	FIRES	158	179	997	126	13,662	2,421	17,543
	ACRES	40,894	45,562	232,406	105,694	848,176	1,044,149	2,316,881

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1		0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		10	11
	ACRES				3,500		92,324	95,824
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,450	3,001
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	8	0	22	45
	ACRES	0	1,551	0	4,331	0	93,775	99,657

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	26	33	599	4,167
Yukon Territory	0	0	50	5,118
Alberta	6	0	515	2,452
Northwest Territory	4	285	64	8,954
Saskatchewan	3	2	259	38,875
Manitoba	4	151	685	294,601
Ontario	5	-3,986	647	293,952
Quebec	12	44	512	49,719
Newfoundland	0	0	102	1,148
New Brunswick	3	0	157	180
Nova Scotia	2	8	213	1,275
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	6	46	28	403
Total	71	-3,417	3,831	700,845

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	2									
Northwest	50	69	9	119	10	20			422	448
Northern California	2		8							
Southern California	19	21	18	20	4	1			69	82
Northern Rockies	5		7	7	3	1				
Eastern Great Basin	24	12	49	7	11	3	1		137	14
Western Great Basin			2							
Southwest	55	1	15	62	9	16			375	106
Rocky Mountain	15	4	14	32	11	2			104	73
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area										
Total	172	107	122	247	48	43	1	0	1111	723

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